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SUBJECT: HEAVY RAINS REDUCE THREAT OF DROUGHT

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1. LATEST OFFICIAL REPORT APPEARING IN PRESS STATES ABUNDANT
RAINFALL IN PERIOD APRIL 24-MAY 4 "ELIMINATED HARMFUL EFFECT"
OF SPRING DROUGHT, PARTICULARLY IN EASTERN HALF OF COUNTRY.
CHIEF OF BULGARIAN SOIL RESEARCH INSTITUTE WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY
DISCUSSED SERIOUS SITUATION WITH EMBOFFS CONFIRMED IN
CONVERSATION MAY 4 THAT SITUATION WAS VASTLY IMPROVED.
AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL SPECIALIST WITH PERSONAL EXPERIENCE
IN WINTER WHEAT TOLD EMBOFFS THAT WHEAT FIELDS BETWEEN
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BURGAS AND PLOVDIV LOOKED EXCELLENT AND THAT CURRENT HIGH

SOIL MOISTURE SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR GOOD YIELD.

2. RAINS AS OF YET HAVE PROBABLY NOT BEEN SUFFICIENT TO FILL RESERVOIRS, AND SHORTAGE OF WATER FOR IRRIGATION LATER IN SEASON COULD STILL OCCUR. APPARENTLY, HOWEVER, IMMEDIATE PROBLEM OF MOISTURE FOR PLANTING CROPS AND DEVELOPMENT OF CROPS ALREADY GROWING HAS BEEN AT LEAST TEMPORARILY OVERCOME.

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